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IN RE APPLICATION OF: VISHNU K. AGARWAL ET AL.
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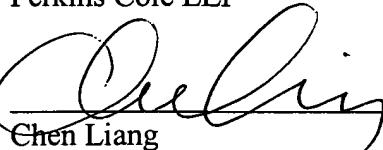
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed March 29, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 68-75, 78-81 and 83. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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